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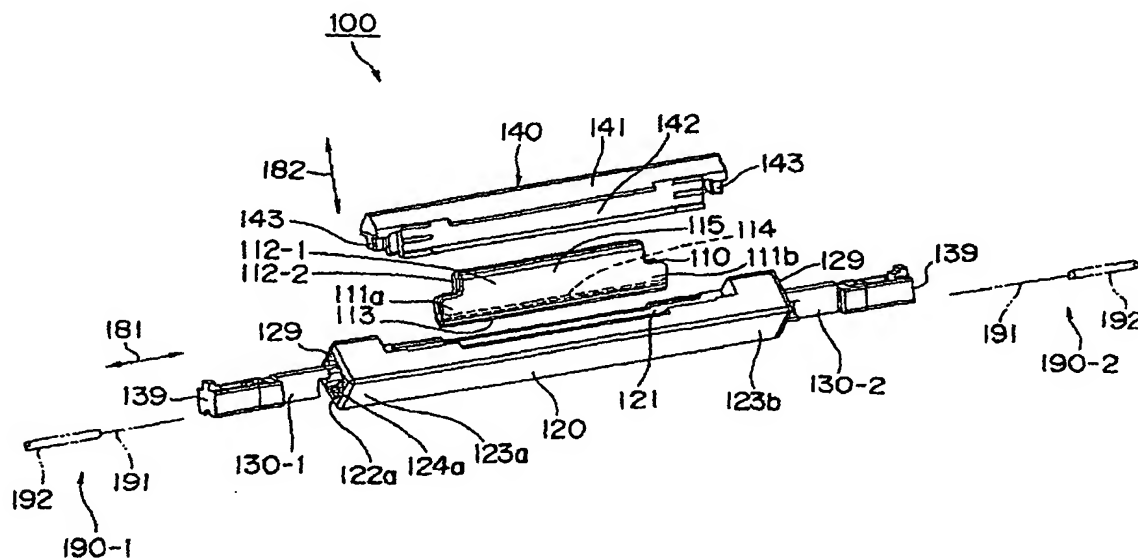
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(57) Abstract: To provide an optical fiber splicing member which can hold optical fiber buffer coatings stably in a simple structure as compared with conventional art, and which enables use of an existing splicing tool. There are provided a joint element (110), a jacket (120), buffer retainers (131) and a cap (140). By setting and pressing the cap to the jacket, it becomes possible to splice bare fibers of optical fibers (190) with each other by the joint element and to press the buffer coatings (192) by the buffer retainers. Assembling the splicing member is thus facilitated while the existing optical fiber splicing tool is utilizable as it is. The buffer coatings can be held stably because the holding is achieved through the pressing.